REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE

LOCATED AT

INDEPENDENCE.

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REPORT.

TO THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Your Joint Committee appointed to visit the Hospital for the Insane at Independence, have discharged that duty, and submit the following report:

We find the buildings which are completed, together with the outbuildings, in good condition, and properly cared for; and the uncompleted portion properly protected.

We find the kitchen, laundry, sewing-room, store-room, etc., etc., in as good condition as could be expected for the time in use, and that the same are kept clean and well protected.

We visited all parts of the building and found the wards, where patients are kept, in as good condition as they can be kept in their present overcrowded state.

Good order prevailed in all places, and many of the patients seemed heartily to enjoy the entertainments provided, and preserved aremarkable degree of interest and good feeling at such entertainments.

There can be no doubt but what it has become almost an absolute necessity that the portion of the hospital now enclosed, but not completed, should be at once completed. The crowded condition of the wards, and a proper separation of the sexes, demand action by the State at the present session of the legislature.

Whether a still further enlargement should be made, to make the building conform to the original plans, we leave to the wisdom of the General Assembly. But we are of the opinion that unless sections five and six are provided for by an appropriation at this time, there will be no adequate means of taking care of the rapidly increasing number of patients before any future action can be had by the State, and that, at least, an appropriation should be made to enclose, if not complete the same.

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The amount necessary to complete the enclosed sections, three and four, is \$27,000, including the furnishing of the same. The amount to enclose sections five and six, is \$38,000.

The amount to enclose and complete sections five and six, is \$60,000. Sections three and four cannot be properly completed unless sections five and six are at least enclosed.

We recommend an appropriation of \$27,000 to complete and furnish sections three and four, and \$38,000 more to enclose sections five and six.

We believe it would be economy not only to complete sections three and four, but also sections five and six, which would then complete the entire building according to the original plan.

Also, the sum of \$3,000 to be a contingent fund for the replacing of any one, or all, of the boilers, in case the same should require to be replaced prior to the next meeting of the General Assembly, and to be used in the repair of such boilers in case they should not require to be replaced.

The boilers are old and patched, and it is not safe to leave them without a contingent fund to provide for any accident, which might occur, which would temporarily destroy the power to heat or protect this valuable property to the State.

Also, the sum of \$1,000 to be used in attempting to secure an artesian well already commenced.

Also, \$1,800 for an extension of the sewer about 1,500 feet, to a point where the inmates would be protected from the noxious gases which now at times tend greatly to the destruction of the health of all who are compelled to live in the buildings.

Also that the \$500 appropriated at the last session of the General Assembly for a road, be placed in the hands of the Trustees, to be used upon a more commodious road than the one provided in the act referred to.

Also a sufficient sum, say \$1,500 be appropriated for the construction of two cisterns to secure the water falling from the roof of the building, and also to plaster the rooms in the basement where the ceiling is exposed to the steam pipes, say \$500.

Also that the sum of \$800 be appropriated for the purchase of a clothes wringer and mangle.

Also that the allowance per capita, per month, be reduced from \$16 to \$14.

Also a small contingent fund of about \$1,000 for the repairs and such other necessary expenses as cannot well be enumerated in a general appropriation.

In reply to the interrogatories of the Joint Resolution under which your committee was appointed:

1. Whether the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended?

Your committee so far as they are able to judge, believe that the appropriations have been wisely and economically expended.

- 2. Whether they have been expended for the objects appropriated? We believe that the appropriations have been expended for the objects appropriated.
- 3. Whether chapter 67 of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly has been complied with in not contracting indebtedness in excess of the appropriations?

From the best information at our command, we believe that chapter 67 of the acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly, has been fully complied with.

4. Whether there has been any diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was drawn out of the State treasury?

Your committee find that \$1,200 of the current expense fund has been expended for the purpose of repairing three defective boilers, which was, in the judgment of your committee, absolutely necessary to be done. Except as above stated, your committee believe that no diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was drawn out of the State treasury has been made.

5. Said committees shall also report the names and number of persons employed by the several institutions, for what purpose employed, and at what salary; also whether any of the employed receives or has received anything in addition to the salary, in the way of board, rooms, lights, fuel or clothing, or anything else at the expense of the State.

Your committee find eighty-four employes in the institution; names of persons employed therein, occupation, and pay as follows, with board, rooms, lights and fuel, and nothing else, at the expense of the State:

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LIST OF EMPLOYES, OCCUPATION, ETC.

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Z		The state of the s	Salary	and the na
1	A. Reynolds	Superintendent	\$ 2000	Per ann'm.
2	G. H. Hill	Assistant physician	900	Per ann'm.
- 3	H. G. Brainerd	Assistant physician	600	Per ann'm.
4	Noyes Appelman	Steward	800	Per ann'm.
	Mrs. L. M. Gray		500	Per ann'm.
6	A. D. Gurnsey	Engineer	- 60	Per month.
7	Peter Walters	Fireman	30	Per month.
8	Roger McGill	Fireman	30	Per month.
9	John Dorsett	Butcher	37	Per month.
10	C. L. Thomas	Gardener	33	Per month.
	Lars Hansen		26	Per month.
	James Hickey		26	Per month.
13	Chas. Thomas	Night watch	37	Per month.
14	H. A. Cramer	Carpenter	40	Per month.
15	Alias Peck	Teamster	18	Per month.
16	J. A. Weart	Teamster	18	Per month.
17	George Breidenbach	Baker	45	Per month.
	Joseph Landis		16	Per month.
	James Nectcott			Per month.
	John Thomas			Per month.
	Martha Miller		8	Per month.
	Mary Oatman		8	Per month.
	Victoria Wendling		9	Per month.
	Maggie Tranfler			Per month.
	Hattie Transfer		9	Per month.
	Minerva Newcomer		16	Per month.
	Rebecca McCarty	C00K		Per month.
28	Bell Alquist	Seamstres	14	Per month.
	A. M. Wackerbarth			Per month.
94	Jane Thomas	Washen	11	Per month.
01	Mary Wendling Sophia Walters	Washen	11	Per month.
	Sarah Thomas		14	Per month.
24	Mary O'Connor	Ironor	11	Per month.
95	Katie McManiman	Tropor	11	Per month.
28	Maggie O'Connor	Fronce	11	Per month.
97	Rosy Galentin	Office wirl	10	Per month.
28	Mary Galligan	Dining room	10	Per month.
30	Katie Hussey	Dining-room	8	Per month.
40	Della Craton	Dining-room	9	Per month.
	Josie Smith		10	Per month.
49	D. H. Feister	Supervisor	30	Per month.
49	Conrad Mathis	Attendant	24	Per month.
44	J. W. Galentin	Attendant	22	Per month.
	Fred Kimball		24	Per month.
46	T. C. McKenzie	Attendant	22	Per month.
47	F. S. Rosencrans	Attendant	22	Per month.
	G. O. Miller		22	Per month.
49	P. J. Galligan	Attendant	22	Per month.
50	W. J. Martin	Attendant	24	Per month.
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LIST OF EMPLOYES, OCCUPATION, ETC.—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.	Salary.	TIME.
51 Graham Slack	Attendant	The state of	Don month
L. U. D. WERT	Attendant	\$ 21	Per month.
53 Charles Munnings	Attendant		Per month.
OT IN C. WOULD WATE	Attondant	20	Per month.
OO WILLIAM HIDIS	Attomorph		Per month.
OU TI. II. FISHEL	Attondant	19	Per month.
		22	Per month.
58 V. W. Peck	Attendant	21	Per month.
		18	Per month.
60 Mary Sisson	Supervises	20	Per month.
61 A. M. Allen	Night watch	25	Per month.
62 Alice Burroughs	Night watch	18	Per month.
		18	Per month.
64 Sarah J. Ellis	Attendant		Per month.
65 Mary Royack	Attendant		Per month.
65 Mary Boyaek	Attendant	16	Per month.
67 Clara Coleman	Attendant	18	Per month.
67 Clara Coleman	Attendant	18	Per month.
68 Alice O'Connor	Attendant	16	Per month.
69 Julia Davies	Attendant	16	Per month.
70 Katie Klotzback	Attendant	16	Per month.
71 Edith Sener	Attendant		Per month.
72 Frankie Fisher	Attendant		Per month.
73 Orlinda Feathers	Attendant		Per month.
74 Marcella Roth	Attendant		Per month.
75 Jesse Boyack	Attendant	15	Per month.
. U L. LIIUIII do	ATTRIMIANT	14	Per month.
77 Mary Nicholson	Attendant	16	Per month.
78 Anna Stumma	Attendant	14	Per month.
79 Alice Green	Attendant	14	Per month.
oo mary E. Wood.	Attendant	13	Per month.
81 Fannie Healey	Attendant		Per month.
82 Cora Kimball	Attendant	16 I	Per month.
83 Anna Stites	Attendant	13 I	Per month.
84 Otto Wonnenberg	Apothecary	331/3 I	Per month.

Your committee are of the opinion that this institution is in good and competent hands, well managed and prosperous.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Martin Garber,
On the part of the Senate.
Elvin Tilton,
J. F. Duncombe,
On the part of the House.